MIAA Women's Soccer Team announced

MSSU leads way with five first-teamers, Lions claim MVP, Freshman awards

(OVERLAND PARK, Kan.) -- The Missouri Southern Lions had five players earn first-team recognition on the 2005 All-MIAA Women's Soccer Team, as voted on by the league's coaches.

Sophomore GK Kaney Tyler and freshman M Nikki Llewellyn led the way for the Lions (11-5-4, 7-3-4 MIAA) on the first team, and both also picked up awards as well.

Tyler was selected as the MIAA Most Valuable Player after posting the second-best shots-on-goal save percentage in NCAA Division II (91.1) and a league-leading 0.58 goals against average (12th in Division II this week) with 10 shutouts.

Llewellyn (14 goals, 2 assists, 30 points) was selected as Freshman of the Year. She also was one of two unanimous choices to the first team (Washburn freshman F Jessica Mainz being the other).

Llewellyn led the conference in goals (0.70 per game) and tied Mainz (13g-4a-30pts) for the MIAA scoring lead (1.50 ppg).

MSSU also had junior B Jessica Buhman (0g-1a-1pt), freshman B Christina Kleekamp (4g-1a-9pts) and sophomore F Erin Gfeller (6g-2a-14pts) earn first-team recognition.

No other team had more than three on the first team. Mainz and senior B Lora Westling (0g-1a-1pt) represented the WU Lady Blues (11-5-4, 7-3-4 MIAA) on the list, while head coach Tim Collins was honored by his peers as Brine® Coach of the Year.

He’s needed just three seasons to bring his fledgling program into contention for the conference titles, as the Lady Blues finished tied with MSSU and Central Missouri State (11-8-1, 8-5-1 MIAA) for second in the MIAA -- two points behind seven-time league champion Truman (10-7-3, 8-3-3 MIAA).

The MIAA champs were represented by senior B Asdis Finnsdottir (0g-0a-0pts), senior M Lauren Cepicky (4g-5a-13pts) and junior M Robyn Mortenson (5g-0a-10pts).

CMSU had a pair of freshmen earn first-team honors in F Hazel Cox (12g-4a-28pts) and M Carrie Twellman (9g-2a-20pts).

Senior M Priscilla Duncan (1g-4a-6pts) of Southwest Baptist (4-9-4, 4-7-3 MIAA) was the only repeat selection from the 2004 All-MIAA first-team.

First Team
Kaney Tyler, MSSU
Asdis Finnsdottir, TSU
Jessica Buhman, MSSU
Christina Kleekamp, MSSU
Lora Westling, WU
*Nikki Llewellyn, MSSU
Lauren Cepicky, TSU
*Priscilla Duncan, SBU
Carrie Twellman, CMSU
*Jessica Mainz, WU
Hazel Cox, CMSU
Erin Gfeller, MSSU
Melodie Zdanek, ESU

*Unanimous selection
First-team All-MIAA in 2004

Second Team
Kayla Griffin, NWMSU
Jolene Silovsky, WU
Jenny Jaggard, SBU
Adrienne Johnson, SBU
Valerie Chaston, ESU
Kaney Tyler, MSSU
Maureen Bylina, CMSU
Sarah Tetuan, ESU
Nikki Heiser, MWSU
Kaney Tyler, WU

Six backs selected due to a tie in voting

Honor Mention
Lauren Davis, TSU
Maureen Bylina, TSU
Lisa Fahey, WU
Katie Flower, NWMSU
Alicia Givens, CMSU
Melody Grayem, MWSU
Andrea Harris, ESU
Kaydi Hooker, WU
Jenny Jaggard, SBU
Adrienne Johnson, SBU
Valerie Chaston, SBU
Amy Davis, MWSU
Sarah Tetuan, ESU
Nikki Heiser, MWSU

Most Valuable Player:
Kaney Tyler, GK, MSSU

Freshman of the Year:
Nikki Llewellyn, M, MSSU

Brine® Coach of the Year:
Tim Collins, WU

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